Sustainability Communications; Leading Practices



SUSTAINABILITY, BEAUTIFULLY SIMPLIFIED.





The more transparent an organisation is about their efforts do the right thing for people and the planet, the more likely they are are to attract and retain the right talent, customers, and achieve overall success.

Windo maintains sustainability profiles, including Environmental Impact, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) and Employee Wellbeing for 450+ companies. Our Team constantly reviews the Sustainability and DEI webpages of the world's leading organizations, and we are very well connected with diverse young talent from dozens of universities. This unique position grants us an extensive understanding of Sustainability Communications and what young talent are looking for when scouting potential employers.

Our latest report unveils 14 Leading Practices for effectively communicating your company's sustainability story and progress. It provides a comprehensive look at the adoption of these practices among FTSE100 companies, whilst highlighting employers from across the globe that excel at each practice and their influence on the job decisions of young talent.

This report is a must-have tool for any organization aiming to enhance its sustainability narrative and attract top talent. Its insights will guide you in shaping a compelling, authentic sustainability story that resonates with talent and positions you as an employer of choice.

Ken Janssens, Co-Founder & Head of Social Impact at Windo Former Chief Data Officer at JPMorgan Chase and Chair of Out & Equal



Interactive Data Charting

Provide interactive data charting of key metrics on your public website, don't hide it in a lengthy PDF.

Multi-Year Trending Of Data

Share 3-6 years of trending data for any sustainability data point. Moving the dial from one year to the next is hard but is easier to demonstrate if you share longer time frames.

Public Corporate Advocacy Track Record

Mention your public advocacy track record by diverse group and why public advocacy matters to you.

Celebrate Your Recognition

Mention your external recognition as an inclusive employer and go beyond country of your headquarters to demonstrate the global breath of your DEI efforts.

Go Global

Report diverse workforce representation data reporting for each region and key market, you have to attract talent beyond just the country of your headquarters.

Employee Survey Results that Go Further

Provide Employee Opinion Survey results breakdown by Diverse Group.

Set & Share Targets

"Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes; but no plans." Peter Drucker



In no particular order.

Focus On Where You Can Make An Impact

Pinpoint and tailor your communications to the areas where your impact is substantial, and the risks that most threaten your business's long-term viability.

Tell Your Story Through Videos

Add videos to tell your sustainability story or the lived experience of employees for each diverse group.

Spotlight Your Partnerships

For companies to appear authentic in their ambitions, they need to talk about the partnerships and external stakeholders they're working with to achieve collective success.

Continuous Storytelling

If sustainability is a core part of your identity and actions, why confine updates to an annual occurrence? Keep the conversation ongoing.

Share A Message From The Top

A compelling sustainability narrative should come from the top (C-suite).

Equality in Transparency

If you present data for one Diverse Group, present it for all. There is no better way to demonstrate a commitment to equality than treating each diverse group equal in your reporting.

Own Up To Your Mistakes

And share your plans to fixing them on your website.

GEN Z - A CORE AUDIENCE FOR SUSTAINABILITY COMMUNICATIONS

Sustainability, DEI and Impact Reports are often hundreds of pages long and targeted at investors. It would take an average reader between 2-3 hours to read the average FTSE 100 Sustainability Report (at 113 pages long). New research from Windō reveals that 56% of students and recent graduates look at Sustainability and DEI PDF Reports when researching a potential employer and that 86% go to your website to find this information.



86% of young talent visit an employer's website to get a better understanding of their Sustainability and DEI.

...only 40% of FTSE100 companies share representation data on their website.



56% of young talent look at an employer's PDF Reports to get a better understanding of their Sustainability and DEI.

..that's 30% of students that will not go beyond your website to find the information they're looking for.



71% of young talent feel that organisations are not currently being transparent about their progress and plans to protect the planet and advance equality for all people.

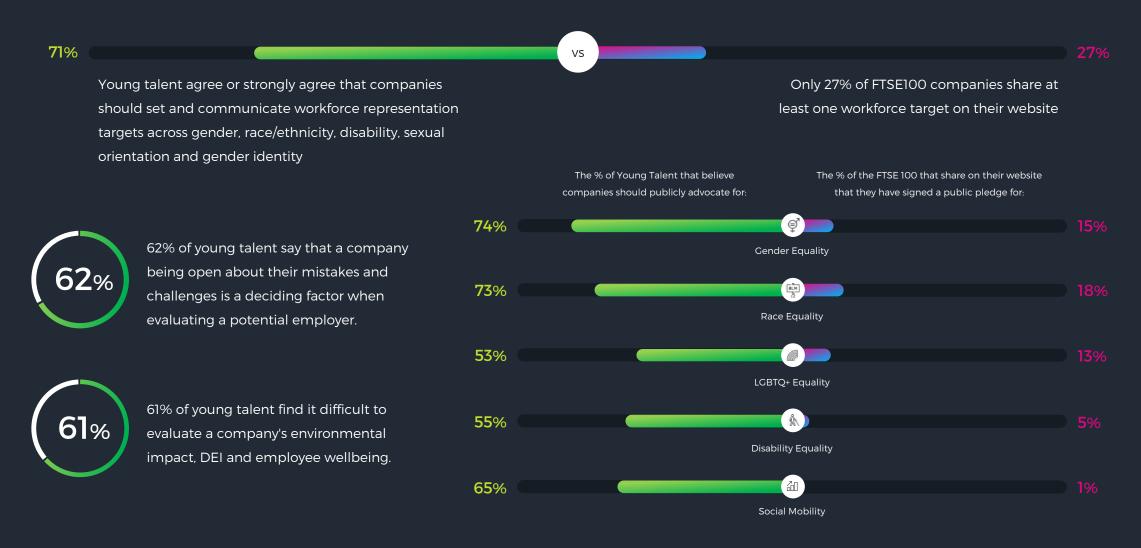
THE MISMATCH OF

YOUNG TALENT EXPECTATIONS VS DEI CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS



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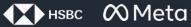




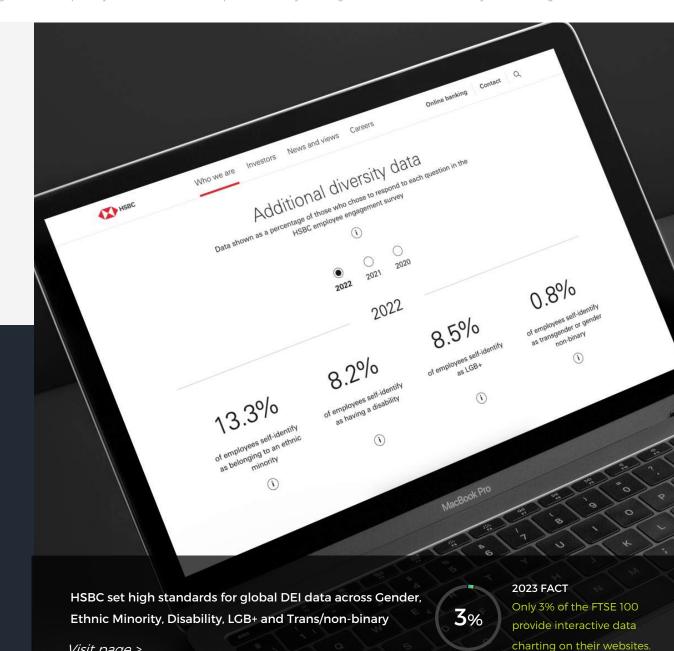
1. INTERACTIVE DATA CHARTING

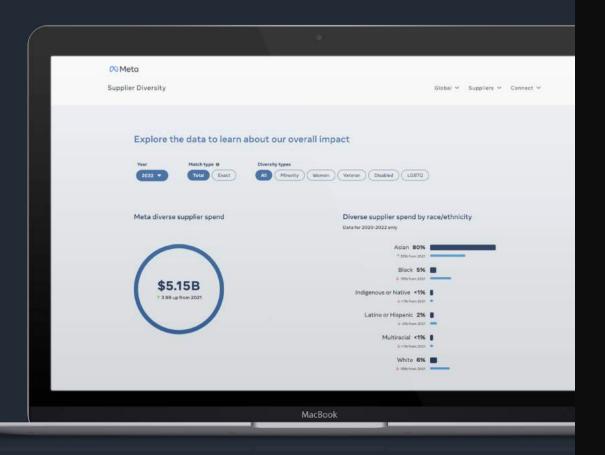
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≡ KPMG Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual 2021 2020 Partner Senior Junior representation representation Not disclosed Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual / Firmwide Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual | 2030 target: 6% Non-Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Not disclosed Data is as at 1 October 2022

High standards for DEI data across Gender, Age, Ethnic Minority, LGB, Disability and Socio-Economic

High standards for Supplier Diversity Data.

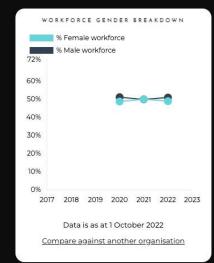
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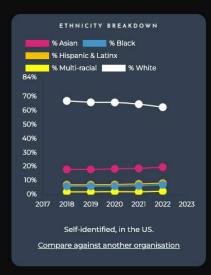
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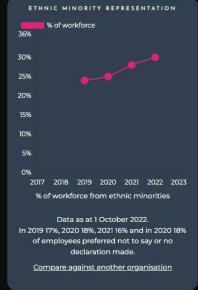
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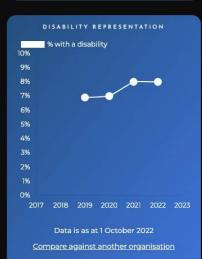
Windo presents the data in a standardised format, companyto-company, presenting data in an interactive format going back as far as 2017.

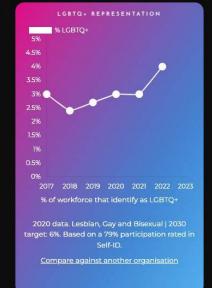
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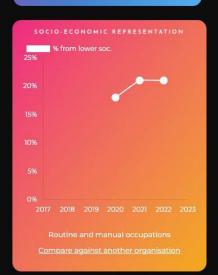


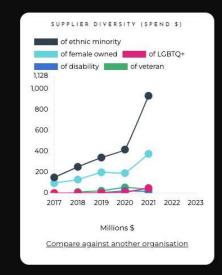


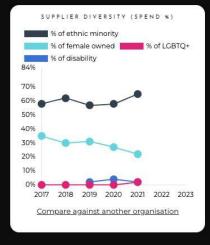












2. FOCUS ON WHERE YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT

Concentrate on the concerns that resonate with your stakeholders and align with your company's interests. It's not feasible for every firm to resolve global hunger or halt climate change. It's more effective to pinpoint the areas where you can make an impact or focus on the risks that most threaten your business's long-term viability, and tailor your communications to these priorities.



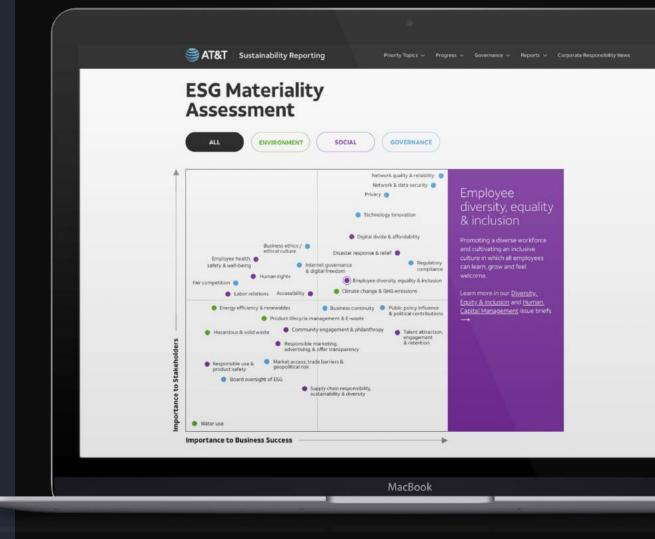
2023 FACT

83% of the FTSE 100 share their materiality assessment on their website.



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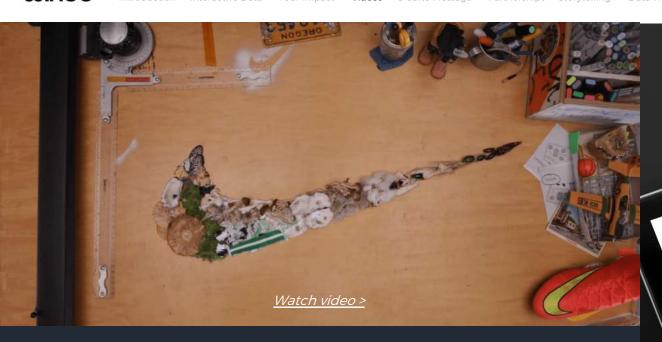
75% of the FTSE 100 flag DEI as a material issue.



Which company does it well?



High standards for allowing filtering on material issues by Environment, Social and Governance and the ability to click through the data, actions and impact.



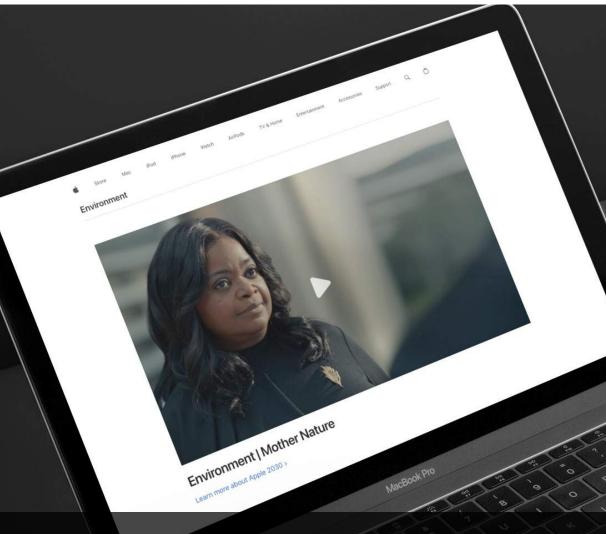
3. TELL YOUR STORY THROUGH VIDEO

Add videos to tell your sustainability story or the lived experience of employees for each diverse group.

Which companies do it well:



Bloomberg J.P.Morgan



High standards for blending elements of drama and humour. Crucially, Tim Cook features prominently in the ad, elevating it from a standard commercial to a powerful declaration of the company's commitment."

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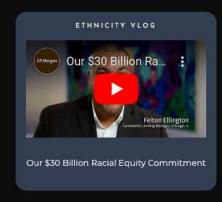
The Windō environment, DEI and wellbeing profiles include multiple areas for organisations to include videos that can be played from within the profiles.

<u>Visit JP Morgan on Windō ></u>















more diverse workplace for the future.





IBM

Be Equal



4. A MESSAGE FROM THE TOP

A compelling sustainability narrative should come from the top (C-suite).

"While we are proud of the progress we have made, we are mindful that advancing our environmental, social and governance goals is a continuous journey of improvement. I am always inspired by IBMers' constant dedication to this essential work and their pursuit of a better future for all."

Arvind Krishna

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, IBM

Which companies do it well



IBM: High standards for a prominent message from the top.

MacBook

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Alongside videos the Windō profiles also include multiple areas for organisations to include quotes from C-Suite leaders connected closely to the topic.

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SUSTAINABILITY VLOG



Google Sustainability | Our global progress to transition to a sustainable future, Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google and Alphabet

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"In our third decade of climate action, we'll continue to take a science-based approach to our efforts, while sharing our own lessons and progress with others."

Kate E. Brandt, Chief Sustainability Officer

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"In 2021, we continued IBM's long tradition of conserving natural resources and reducing pollution, using renewable energy, and developing solutions to climate change" Arvind Krishna (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)

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"When I think about belonging, I think about the different spaces where I've been invited into or been the only person who looks like me, but being welcomed is something different to being invited. And that's really the journey that we're on at Google."

Melonie Parker, Chief Diversity Officer.

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"I would not be where I am today if not for those who worked tirelessly toward gender equity in generations past. Though this work is a long way from finished, I continue to be inspired by the dedication I have seen across Google and the impact it is having in the world."

LORRAINE TWOHILL (SHE/HER) CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER, GOOGLE

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"Supporting LGBTQ+ communities has been a priority from the earliest days of Google, from our pioneering healthcare policies to our early Pride celebrations. We continue to build on that legacy everyday by prioritizing intersectional LGBTQ+ advocacy across all our platforms."

JUAN RAJLIN (HE/HIM) TREASURER, GOOGLE



"Recent events have called for a strong stand in defense of the Black community, but we must extend this work to other groups. Many of our commitments are beginning to do this, and there will be much more to come."

MELONIE PARKER (SHE/HER) CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER, GOOGLE

5. SPOTLIGHT PARTNERSHIPS

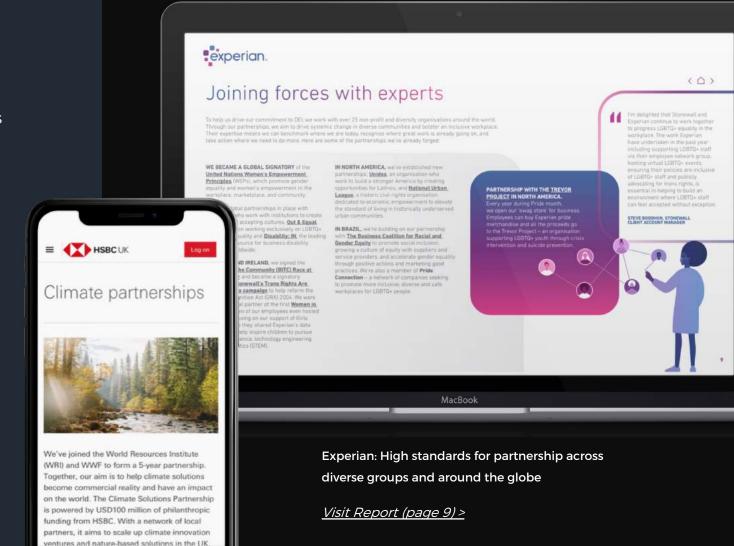
No single company can be expected to solve the world's challenges. For companies to appear authentic in their ambitions, they need to talk about the partnerships and external stakeholders they're working with to achieve collective success.

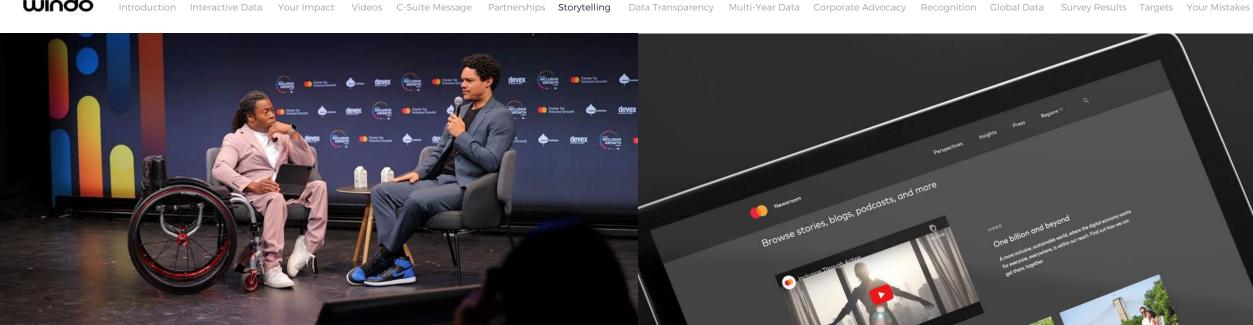


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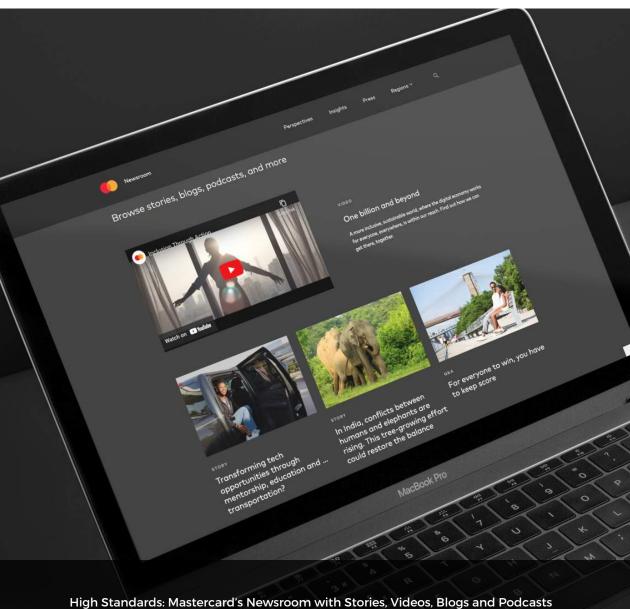


6. CONTINUOUS STORYTELLING

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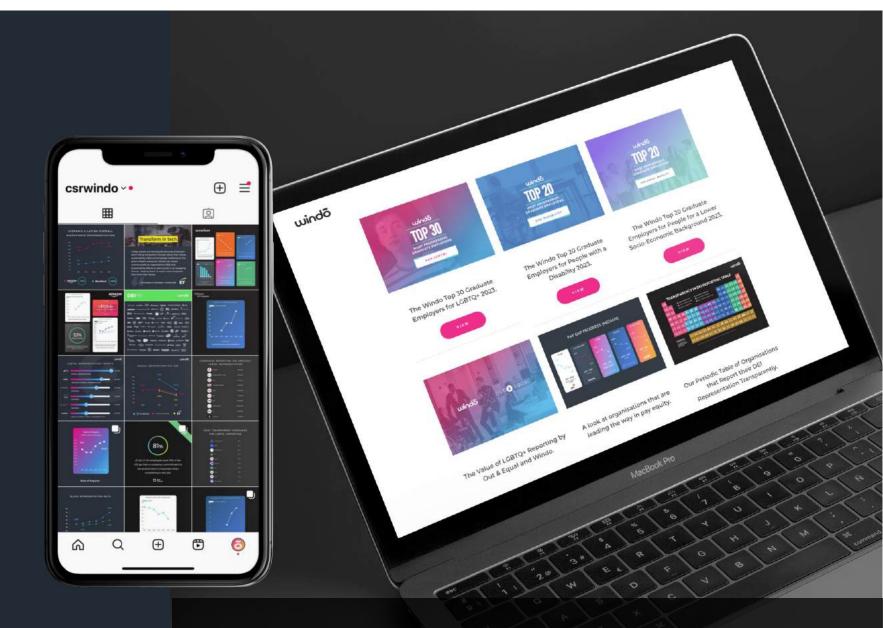




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Organisations on Windō can update their profiles 24/7 and we encourage frequent updates. We like to lead by example by frequently posting our own insights through our website and social media.



Disability and Socio-Economic

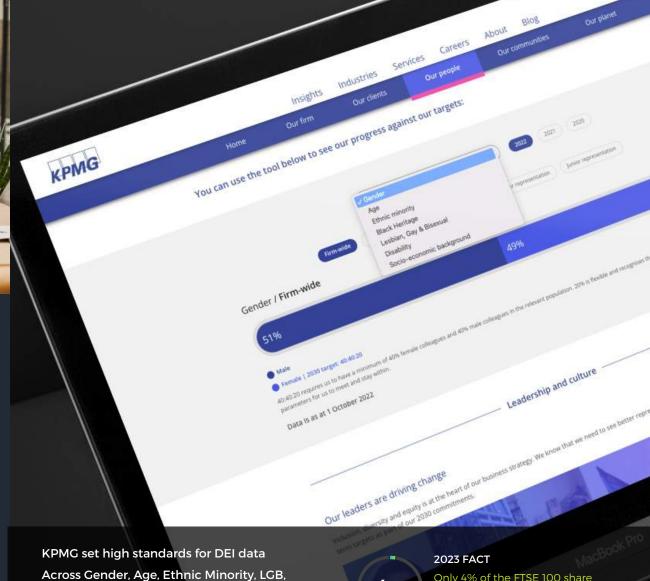
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7. EQUALITY IN TRANSPARENCY

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Only 4% of the FTSE 100 share

gender and race on their website.

representation data beyond

4%

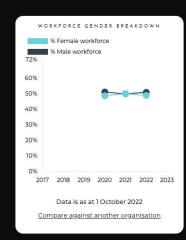


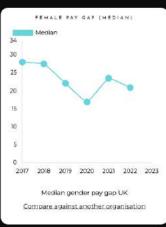
2023 FACTOnly 40% of the FTSE 100 include

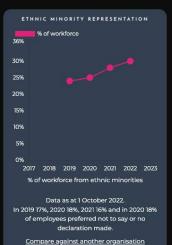
workforce representation data on their website.

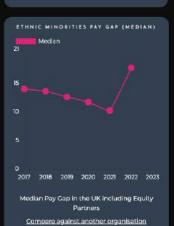


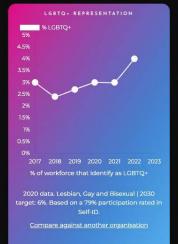
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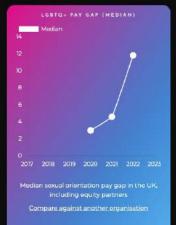


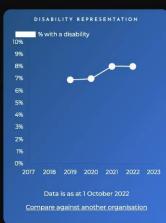


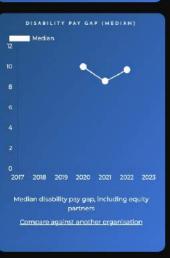


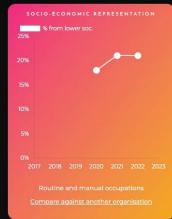


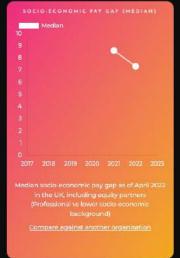












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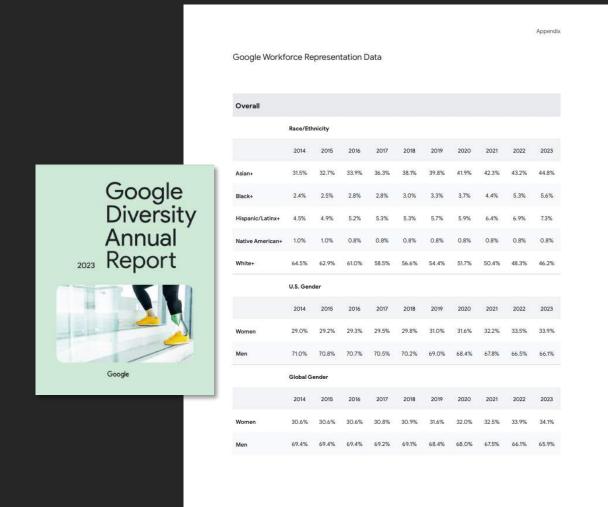
8. MULTI-YEAR TRENDING OF DATA

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Share 3-6 years of trending data for any sustainability data point. Moving the dial from one year to the next is hard but is easier to demonstrate if you share longer time frames. This also reinforces your long-term commitment.

Which companies do it well?

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High standards set in Google's 2023 Diversity Report for providing representation data by diverse group going back 10 years.

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4%

2023 FACT
Only 4% of the FTSE 100
provide multiple years of
DEI data on their website.



9. PUBLIC CORPORATE ADVOCACY TRACK RECORD

Mention your public advocacy track record by diverse group and why public advocacy matters to you.

Google



74% of students feel that companies should publicly advocate for Gender Equality.



70% of students feel that companies should publicly advocate for Race Equality.



64% of students feel that companies should publicly advocate for LGBTQ+, Disability and Class Equality.



- The Equality Act, to extend Civil Rights Act protections to the LGBTQ+ communities, February 2021
- The Dream Act, to provide protections and certainty for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), or DREAMers, March 2021
- The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, to address. constitutional rights, Merch 2021
- Hate crime legislation passed in Arkansas, April 2021.
- Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Hate Crimes Bill, passed in US Congress, May 2021

Emb(race)," created in June 2020, is both a call to action and organizing principle that began with a pledge empowering EBM and IBMers to call for change to ensure racial equality. The commitment to sustained action with measurable outcomes. demonstrated through the tenets of Emb(race), continued to build momentum in 2021 with the development of four corepillars focused on representation and transparency, creating economic opportunity, leading in good technology, and social justice policy advocacy. This year, IBM will continue to push back against inequity and further drive the Emb(race) advocacy campaign. Emb(race) illustrates our collective stance and shared vision for continued advocacy, actions, and accountability toward mitigating implicit bias.

- Surpassed \$100 million given in kind to historically Black colleges and universitie
- Total diverse supplier spend in Americas exceeds \$1 billion Exceeded goal with more than 1,000 opportunities for P-TECH* students

Call for Code for Racial Justice

The Call for Code for Racial Justice developer challenge, launched in 2020, resulted in seven projects that are now available as open source solutions. Since its launch, the open source community has grown to more than 3,000 members who have been engaged in community events and contributed to the projects. Call for Code for Racial Justice also launched a premier partnership with YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles to deploy

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created the IBM Design I a national conversation about racial equity in the design industry due to the lack of diverse talent in this career track. As a result, we doubled the number of Black designers at IBM, to nearly triple the industry average.

HRCU commitment

In 2020, we committed an investment of \$100 million in assets. technology, and resources for historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs)-integrating access to IBM Skills Academy, coursework, instructor training, and curriculum reviews. In addition to our Quantum Research Innovation Centers, we will. partner with more than 20 HBCUs to establish cybersecurity leadership centers to build a more diverse US cyber workforce

Propelled by a powerful and common vision of mobilizing 1 million Black people into family-sustaining jobs in 10 years. OneTen welcomed 17,000 hires across its network of 60 companies and supported the promotion of 4,000 Black employees within the same organizations in 2021.

IBM launched as the Raleigh-Durham market leader for OneTen in June 2021 and has since partnered with OneTen leadership to develop its talent development, transformation, and platform strategies. The IBM team designed and hosted monthly Skills First Working Group webinars and office hours, managing the security and development of the talent platform. The latter represents a \$1.3 million gift to OneTen and our collective vision

High Standards: IBM's 2021 Impact Report mentions why Advocacy matters and list efforts across diverse groups

28%

2023 FACT

Only 28% of the FTSE 100 share their public advocacy for diversity on their website.

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Public Statements in support of equality span the globe. For each diverse group Windo tracks dozens of Public Statements and includes them on an employer's DEI profile.

Visit Airbus - Most Vocal for Women >

Visit EY (UK) - Most Vocal for Ethnic Minorities >

Visit Google - Most Vocal for LGBTQ+ >

Visit Intel - Most Vocal for Disability >

Visit Standard Chartered - Most Vocal for Veterans >

Visit Accenture - Most Vocal for Socio-Economic >













PUBLIC SUPPORTER / SIGNATORY

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR

BUSINESS TACKLING LGBTI DISCRIMINATION

United Nations

BUSINESS STATEMENT ON ANTI-LGBTQ STATE LEGILSATION

United States

STATEMENT ABOUT THE

IMPORTANCE OF LGBTQ+

INCLUSION IN THE WORKPLACE

Poland



PUBLIC SUPPORTER / SIGNATORY

INNOVATING FOR DISABILITY

INCLUSION

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CEO LETTER ON DISABILITY

INCLUSION (DISABILITY:IN)

SOCIAL MOBILITY PLEDGE

United Kingdom

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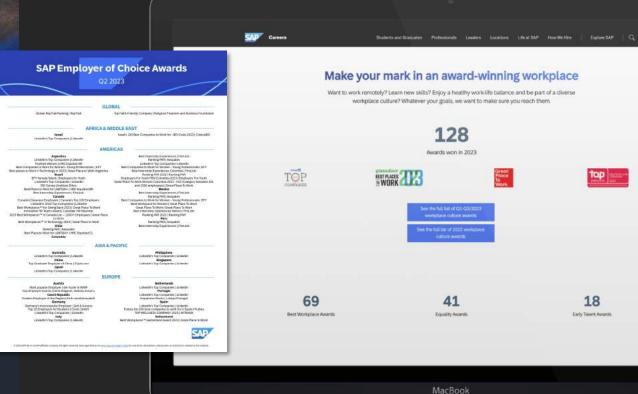
10. CELEBRATE YOUR RECOGNITION

Mention your external recognition as an inclusive and sustainable employer and go beyond country of your headquarters to demonstrate the global breadth of your efforts.

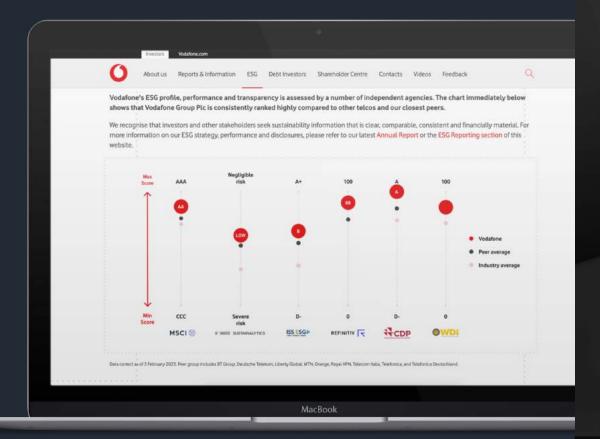








High Standards: SAP lists their DEI awards by region across each diverse group per quarter



Vodafone setting high standards for transparently reporting ESG ratings

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GSK setting high standards for transparently reporting 14 ESG current ratings against previous ratings

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We also track dozens of Environmental. DEI and Wellbeing Awards and display them in relevant places on the employer's profile.

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2023 FACT

Only 20% of the FTSE 100 mention their external recognition for DEI efforts on their website.



50% of young talent deem external awards and recognition for being an inclusive employer as a deciding factor when evaluating a potential employer.



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medal and ranks in 98th percentile of companies scored



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software industry for sustainability - 16 years in a TOW



WORLD'S TOP COMPANIES FOR WOMEN | FORBES #3 (2023) United States



THE SUSTAINABILITY 100 (BEST SUSTAINABILITY COMMS) - 54% SCORE INVESTIS DIGITAL [IDX]

Ranking based on transparency, leadership, and connectivity using more than 50 different criteria. Those criteria include:

· ESG strategy and approach Information on greenhouse gas emissions · Net zero roadmap Materiality assessment Diversity and inclusion reporting · Framework reporting and alignment



BEST PLACES TO WORK FOR LGBTQ+ EQUALITY (HRC)

BEST PLACES TO WORK FOR LGBTQ+ EQUALITY (HRC) Chile

BEST PLACES TO WORK FOR LGBTQ . EQUALITY (HRC) , Brazil



BEST PLACES TO WORK FOR LGBTQ+ EQUALITY (HRC) Argentina

DAX30 LGBT+ DIVERSITY INDEX Germany

WORKPLACE EQUALITY INDEX (PRIDE CIRCLE) - SILVER



AWARDS & RECOGNITION

BEST PLACES TO WORK FOR LGBTQ . EQUALITY (HRC) United States

WORKPLACE EQUALITY INDEX (PRIDE IN DIVERSITY) - BRONZE Australia

PRIDE INDEX GOLD AWARD (WORK WITH PRIDE) - 2023



LGBTI-LABEL Switzerland

WORKPLACE EQUALITY INDEX (LGBT+ FORUM) - SILVER TIER 2021 South Africa

TOP 100 LGBTQ+ FUTURE LEADERS (OUTSTANDING) 2022 Delia Deng, Senior Account Executive SAP Australia



BEST PLACES TO WORK FOR DISABILITY INCLUSION (DISABILITY:IN) United States



BEST CEO COMPARABLY

for diversity



CANADA, COLOMBIA, FRANCE, IRELAND, GERMANY





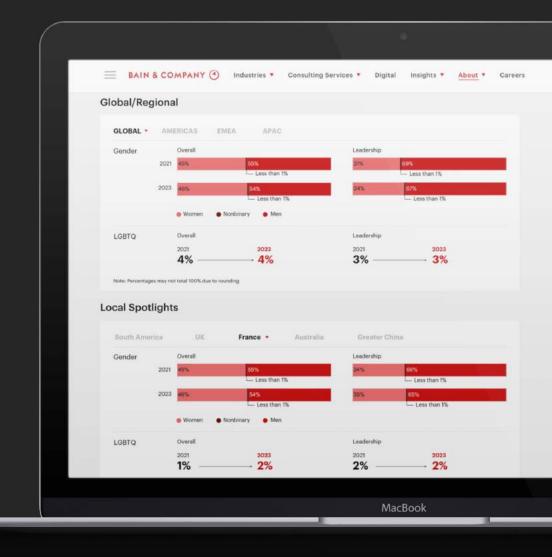
11. GO GLOBAL

Report diverse workforce representation data reporting for each region and key market, you have to attract talent beyond just the country of your headquarters.

Which companies do it well







Bain & Company provide global, regional and local spotlight breakdowns of DEI data

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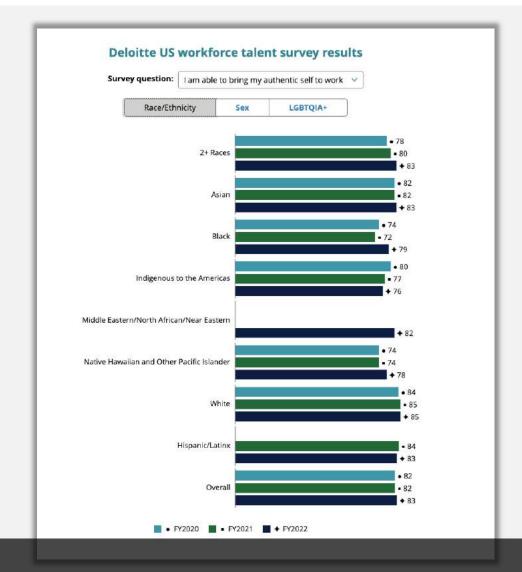
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12. EMPLOYEE SURVEY RESULTS THAT GO FURTHER

Provide Employee Opinion Survey results breakdowns by Diverse Group.

Which companies do it well:

Deloitte. intel



High standards set by Deloitte US for providing employee opinion survey results broken down by sex, race/ethnicity and LGBTQIA+.

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13. SET & SHARE TARGETS

Peter Drucker, the father of management thinking, wrote in 1999, "Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes; but no plans" which was reinforced recently by PwC stating that "disclosure without information on where your company has been, where it is now and where it aspires to be will not accomplish the objective of greater transparency".



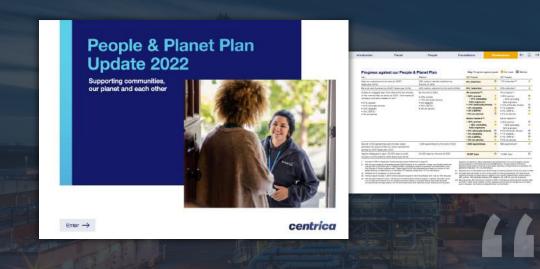
2023 FACT

Only 27% of the FTSE 100 share workforce representation targets on their website.



71% of young talent feel companies should set and communicate workforce representation targets across gender, race/ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity.





We're committed to creating a workforce that truly represents the communities we serve, which is why we've set targets to drive greater representation for female, ethnic minority, disability, LGBTQ+ and ex-service personnel via our People & Planet Plan.

centrica

High standards set by Centrica for committing to set and publicly report their targets across different diverse groups.

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GENDER TARGET

SENIOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS TO

BE HELD BY WOMEN BY 2030

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On Each Windo profile organisations can clearly communicate the Sustainability targets they have set across their environmental impact and all diverse groups.

Visit KPMG on Windō >

Visit Centrica on Windō >

37%

2023 FACT

37% of the FTSE 100 companies that do share targets don't share any performance against these targets on their website.



ETHNIC MINORITIES TARGET

As of 2022 at 30% (19% not disclosed)

2030 IN THE UK

SOCIO-ECONOMIC TARGET









2030











DISABILITY TARGET

15%





14. OWNING YOUR MISTAKES

Recognizing your mistakes and taking accountability for them showcases your dedication to deriving lessons from your experiences. This practice contributes to the establishment of trust and credibility, fosters a positive demeanor, and enhances your connections.

Which companies do it well?







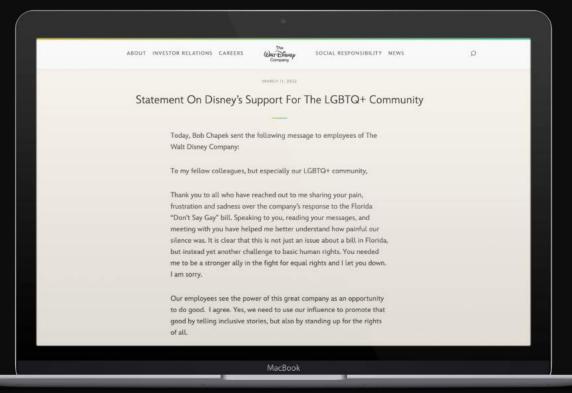
OUR MISTAKES

Racial Profiling Incident: we apologised and also closed 8,000 of our stores for a day to conduct racial bias training for our employees

Click here to read more



View Starbucks on Windō >



High standards set by Disney in releasing their Statement in Support For the LGBTQ+ Community after their silence in response to the Florida "Don't Say Gay" bill.



At some point, every company makes a mistake that requires an apology-to an individual; a group of customers, employees, or business partners; or the public at large. And more often than not, organizations and their leaders fail to apologize effectively, if at all, which can severely damage their relationships with stakeholders and their reputations, especially if the incidents become public (and publicized).

> Harvard **Business**



62% of young talent say that a company being open about their mistakes and challenges is a deciding factor when evaluating a potential employer.



23% of young talent look at Wikipedia's Controversies to get a better understanding of their Sustainability and DEI.



Companies Leading on Sustainability Communication

There are 7 companies on Windō that include 8 or more of our 14 Leading Practices within their reporting.

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